We call for a radical extension of democracy on the Council. We want to see the big decisions about our future made by the elected Council and not by unelected boards.

We will expose all secret deals and demand that all debates on issues affecting the people are conducted in public.

We will oppose job cuts and privatisation which has removed vital services from public scrutiny.

We will oppose the scandalous waste of public money on Derry City airport.

We will demand the abolition of ILEX, which has virtually nothing to show for the £21 million it has spent since 2003. We want government investment money to be channelled through the City Council, where it should be used to benefit local people and communities, not serve the interest of property developers.

We believe that we need a campaign for massive government investment to create jobs, build public housing, develop our public transport system, expand the university and support public services.

Colm Bryce is an activist and tutor in trade union studies.
He has been a prominent member of the Derry Anti-War Coalition and supporter of the Palestinian solidarity movement.

He was one of nine people who took non-violent direct action against the arms company Raytheon in 2006, to protest their supplying of weapons used in illegal wars.

He has been involved in campaigns for affordable childcare, against academic selection, for free university education, for higher minimum wage and for waste recycling. He is an active trade unionist and a member of the Socialist Workers Party.

People Before Profit Alliance
Northland

Vote No 1 Colm Bryce

Dear voter,

I am standing as a candidate for People Before Profit for the Northland ward for the City Council and am asking for your Number 1 vote on 5 May.

I want to challenge the cosy consensus on the Council, where all parties voted for an 11 per cent pay rise for the Town Clerk, while cutting wages for Council workers. I believe that this same consensus is behind the widespread budget cuts that are affecting every part of our public services, while the big banks and corporations pay little or no tax. Public representatives should not meekly accept these terms. They should be raising their voices against such injustice and inequality.

We need a bold new vision for the future of this City, that includes everyone, no matter what their background. That means much more democracy. We stand for taking back democratic control of decisions from the unelected quangos such as ILEX and the various regeneration boards, who hand down decisions to local communities rather than reflect the needs of working people and their families.

The future of this City needs to be built from the bottom up. We need massive investment in the public sector, for sustainable, well-paid jobs, that can encourage all the talents and creativity of our people. That will only come from campaigning to defend the jobs and services we have and to demand much more.

I have been a trade union and socialist activist for many years. I was actively involved in organising the mass campaign of non-payment which stopped the introduction of water charges. I was a founder member of the Derry Anti-War Coalition and of the campaigning group 'Love Music, Hate Racism'.

We in People Before Profit see people power as the only practical way to fight the cuts and defend jobs and services. I am asking for your Number One in the council elections on 5th of May. If I am elected to Derry City Council I will continue to do what I am doing, using my Council position to amplify the voices of campaigns against cuts and injustices.

A vote for People Before Profit is a vote for the needs of working class people. It is a vote against the Tory/Stormont cuts.

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